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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1199 crashes as compared to 1117 crashes in November of 2005. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities increased 33.3%. In actual numbers, there were 8 fatal crashes in November 2006 and 10 fatal crashes in November 2005. The impact during this period involved the number of persons killed which was up 33% from November 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a significant increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 62 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were 2 fatalities; 10 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 50 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.2% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1330 crash reports in November 2006. This resulted in 5276 crash reports being mailed out, 27.3% less than last year. There were 819 visitors, requesting police services, to the Front Office which was an increase of 13.8% when compared to November 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 25,802 CAD incidents and approximately 32,355 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall traffic enforcement of 21.6% in November 2006, as compared to November 2005. This increase may be a result of the recent recruitment, hiring and training of new officers into the vacant officer positions here in the Southern Command. Total DUI arrests were up 39% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were up 37% as compared to November 2005. Occupant restraint violations were up 13% over November 2005. The Commercial Enforcement Section increased it's hazardous moving violation enforcement by 101% and all other violations by 53%. This was coupled with an increase of inspections During November by 61%.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	November-06	November-05	% Change	October-06	% Change
Total crashes	1199	1117	7.3%	1288	-6.9%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	898	815	10.2%	959	-6.4%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	293	292	0.3%	317	-7.6%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	8	10	-20.0%	12	-33.3%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	70	51	37.3%	90	-22.2%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	12	9	33.3%	13	-7.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3	2	50.0%	1	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	3	0	300.0%	0	300.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	4	-75.0%	10	-90.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	3	2	50.0%	2	50.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	1	100.0%	0	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	62	40	55.0%	63	-1.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	50	31	61.3%	50	0.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	7	42.9%	11	-9.1%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	2	0.0%	2	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .7 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.8%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 60.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.2 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 7 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 55% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 33.3% compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	November-06		November-05	% Change		October-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	70		51	37.3%		90	-22.2%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	172		123	39.8%		205	-16.1%
Other arrests	903		807	11.9%		958	-5.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	397		363	9.4%		450	-11.8%
Speed violations	3604		3105	16.1%		3780	-4.7%
Hazardous moving violations	2164		1678	29.0%		2738	-21.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	616		544	13.2%		798	-22.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	10732		8826	21.6%		12183	-11.9%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	109		54	101.9%		73	49.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	280		183	53.0%		166	68.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	789		489	61.3%		778	1.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	n/a		n/a			n/a	
Total safety violations -- citation	335		119	181.5%		341	-1.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1787		922	93.8%		1712	4.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	128		47	172.3%		105	21.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	81		44	84.1%		54	50.0%
Total school buses inspected	53		313	-83.1%		270	-80.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	3		56	-94.6%		42	-92.9%
Total trucks weighed	614		1217	-49.5%		915	-32.9%
Total overweight citations	62		26	138.5%		50	24.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	777		490	58.6%		755	2.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		10	-1000.0%		3	-300.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	5		0		5
Safety Violations Citation	4		0		0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		0		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	3		0		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.145%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ 9% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ Half of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	November 2006		November 2005	% Change		October 06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	122,842		173,385	-29.2%		133,013	-7.6%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,015,064		423,183	139.9%		1,108,861	-8.5%
CAD Incidents	25,802		24,014	7.4%		26,998	-4.4%
Telephone Calls	32,355		37,088	-12.8%		33,619	-3.8%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	46		101	-54.5%		36	27.8%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,330		1,187	12.0%		1,429	-6.9%
Arrest Reports Processed	289		420	-31.2%		413	-30.0%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	6		13	-53.8%		16	-62.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	134		101	32.7%		135	-0.7%
Visitors at Counter	819		950	-13.8%		1,260	-35.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5,276		7,253	-27.3%		5,731	-7.9%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	454		188	141.5%		622	-27.0%
Warrants Entered	144		169	-14.8%		219	-34.2%
Warrants Cleared	409		424	-3.5%		464	-11.9%
Warrants Validated	3599		978	268.0%		1030	249.4%
Extradition / Transports	13		14	-7.1%		7	85.7%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	95		83	14.5%		82	15.9%
New Items Submitted	150		133	12.8%		135	11.1%
Items Disposed	74		8	825.0%		13	469.2%

***Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 91.6 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 6.3 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 2.1 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

PUBLIC INFORMATION**Public Requests for Information:**

305 Email Answers

34 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints

271 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

1230 phone call or messages (both office and cell phone), phone number taken from the NHP Website.

Phone queries to include: Thanks to the Troopers, commendations, witnesses to accidents and NRS questions

Press releases: 19

8 were fatality related, 3 regarding the Directed Enforcement efforts for seatbelts

2 detailing the movement of the "Freedom Tree", 5 traffic and holiday related.

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. November 14, 2006

HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:

Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and HEAT truck to take to several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety. We were also honored to lead a driving safety and DUI awareness session for the driver's education teachers from the Clark County School District. The HEAT program also had the opportunity to address the Nevada Professional Driving School Association and made itself available to each individual school.

HEAT RACING CONTINUED:

The HEAT involvement with the Midnight Mayhem series continues to be a hit with all participants. Good community turnout with a great chance to meet with many of the teen "racers". Though Test and Tune sessions have concluded for 2006 we are in contact with the LVMS working on ways to make the Midnight Mayhem bigger and better in 2007.

DRIVER'S EDGE:

The Driver's Edge program picked up right where it left off in Southern Nevada. All 4 sessions were filled to capacity. The H.E.A.T. Program delivered its driving safety message to 573 parents and teens. The topics for discussion include seatbelt safety, common crash causing violations, and "under the influence of" driving (cell phones, fatigue, passengers, etc as well as drugs and alcohol). November 4th and 5th, 2006

COURAGE TO LIVE PROGRAM:

The HEAT program welcomes another positive addition to the NHP. The Courage to Live Program will provide an educational presentation as well as an open discussion forum for adults and parents of middle school and high school students throughout the Las Vegas Valley. We are still in the planning stages and plan to hit at least 2 middle schools in the spring.